

CCSD Call for Award Nomination

The NCA Critical and Cultural Communication Studies Division is pleased to share its 2024 call for award nominations. The division offers six awards on an annual basis:

- Scholar-Activist Award
- Distinguished Scholar Award
- New Investigator Award
- Book of the Year Award
- Outstanding Article Award
- Outstanding Dissertation Award

Awards will be presented at the 2024 NCA Convention CCSD business meeting. Recipients will be notified by the beginning of October 2024 and are expected to attend the award presentation.

Self-nominations are preferred, but peer and advisor nominations are also welcome.

The deadline for all nominations is **June 15, 2024**. Please send all required materials via one email to Dr. Manoucheka Celeste (manouche@uic.edu), with the name of the award in the subject line. Please see descriptions and more specific submission requirements for each award below.

Scholar-Activist Award

Honors a scholar who is acting toward solving a social injustice that concerns CCSD members. Examples may include founding a nonprofit organization that addresses poverty, climate change, homophobia, transphobia, racism, sexual violence, treatment of prisoners, and dis/ability issues. Similarly, this award may honor a scholar who has made significant contributions toward ending larger systems of exploitation including, but not limited to, xenophobia, patriarchy, systemic racism, capitalism, and heteronormativity. In short, this award honors a scholar who significantly contributes to their communities above and beyond their research, teaching, and/or service with activist interventions. Nominations for the Scholar-Activist Award must be submitted to the committee as a single PDF file that includes:

- A nomination letter for a current member of CCSD that describes the scholar's activism and the ways that it informs their work and other scholars' work.
- Nominee's current C.V. (Student nominations will be considered – please note highest degree earned).
- Letter(s) of support (no more than two) addressing nominee's activism, connection between activism and scholarship, and/or connection between activism and teaching.

Distinguished Scholar Award

Honors a leading CCSD scholar who has made a significant impact in critical and cultural communication scholarship and advanced the interests and people of the division. Nominations for the Distinguished Scholar Award must be submitted to the committee as a single PDF file that includes:

- A nomination letter for a member with continued membership in CCSD.

- Nominee's current CV.
- Three letters of support addressing nominee's scholarly impact, leadership, and mentorship.

New Investigator Award

Honors an emerging scholar who has taken a leadership role in CCSD by setting a new research agenda for critical and cultural studies, through mentorship, and through advocacy on behalf of CCSD's interests. Nominations for the New Investigator Award should be submitted to the committee as a single PDF file that includes:

- A nomination letter for a member who received their PhD between 2018-2023.
- The nominee's current CV.
- Letter(s) of support (no more than two) that addresses scholarly impact, mentorship, and advocacy.

Book of the Year Award

Honors an intellectually generative book written by a member of CCSD. The book's publication date should be between January 2023 and December 2023. Nominations for the Book of the Year Award should be submitted to the committee to include:

- A nomination letter for the book written by a member of CCSD focused on the book's contribution to the field.
- Three copies of the complete book. You may ask your publisher to send copies directly as part of their promo. Please contact (manouche@uic.edu) for further instructions (re: mailing address).
 - Author(s) may work directly with their press to mail copies but must ensure that the copies will be **received by the awards deadline**.

Outstanding Article Award

Honors a significant research contribution to critical/cultural communication studies by a member of the division. Nominations may reflect the interdisciplinarity of publication venues for division members. The article's publication date should be between January 2023 and December 2023. Nominations for the Outstanding Article Award should be submitted to the committee as a single PDF file that includes:

- A nomination letter for an article written by a member of CCSD focused on the article's contribution to the field.
- PDF copy of the article.

Outstanding Dissertation Award

Honors a dissertation defended between January 2023 and December 2023 that makes research contributions to critical/cultural communication studies. Nominations for the Outstanding Dissertation Award should be submitted to the selection committee as a single PDF file that includes:

- A nomination letter that addresses the dissertation's originality/creativity, innovation, and potential for significant contribution to the field.
- PDF copy of the dissertation.